

Review and Comments on Recommendations
Contained in IG Survey of the Office of Personnel

Implementation Requiring Coordination with Other Offices

1. Recommendation No. 3 (Tab B - Page B-16)

"That the Director of Personnel, working with the Director of OJCS, review the priorities for PERSIGN II in terms of manpower assigned and the physical arrangements allotted to staffs."

Comment:

We concur with this recommendation. The DDA has recently established a MAPS Review Committee, made up of representatives from each of the primary user offices who are meeting to reaffirm the relative priorities of all of the MAPS related projects to assure adequate OJCS manpower coverage on first priority tasks. The number of OJCS personnel reported as "assigned" to PERSIGN tended to create impressions of fuller coverage than was in fact the case. Other priorities imposed on OJCS continuously tended to drain manpower resources from PERSIGN and other related MAPS projects. Maintenance of PERSIGN I, the RCA 501 system and the PERCON program, the enlargement of the data base to permit interface of PERSIGN with CENBAD, CENCO, the PAYROLL system, etc. have all contributed to the staffing problems. The physical work space of the OP staff (i.e., ADRS) analysts had been very poor in the Headquarters location but is much improved in their new location with OJCS in Page Building but still leaves something to be desired in terms of "quiet" areas necessary to further design of specifications for the PERSIGN II system.

2. Recommendation No. 4 (Tab B - Page B-16)

"That the Director of Personnel, working with other Offices concerned with the MAPS program, review the elements of PERSIGN II and assign subsidiary priorities to those which do not represent key elements of personnel data urgently needed for managerial decisions or for provisions of personnel services."

Comment:

This is a valid recommendation. Priorities, emphasis, statutory requirements and Agency policies have and will continue to change as PERSIGN II is developed, requiring continuous updating of the system

to assure its future responsiveness to Agency requirements when fully implemented. Basically, the elements in PERSIGN II are those appearing on the Notification of Personnel Action which conform with Civil Service standards and Payroll system requirements plus a certain amount of Fitness Report and overseas service data for CIARDS. Some items peculiar to the Agency were added, such as PRA, development complement and sub-category data, but these are necessary to service reporting requirements levied by Agency regulation on the Director of Personnel to support Heads of Career Services and operating components. Questionnaires were sent to all users of reports several years ago requesting suggestions for changes and additions. Some of the suggested additions were included in the design of PERSIGN II but most were rejected as being too specialized or inapplicable to the Agency as a whole; for example, health problems of wife or children, projected rotational assignments or training, special work related skills, etc. It has always been envisioned that PERSIGN II would provide the basic personnel data for subsidiary systems which could be tailored to meet individual Office and Career Service specialized requirements.

3. Recommendation No. 5 (Tab B - Page B-16)

"That the Director of Personnel request that the Director, OJCS obtain his concurrence before undertaking personnel-related jobs for other organizations that are likely to impact unfavorably on early completion of PERSIGN II."

Comment:

We concur. There is a mutual understanding that OJCS will not undertake personnel-related projects without the approval of the Director of Personnel but this point should be reemphasized because pressure is building up again for individual manning tables for all of the offices in the DDO. Many of the Agency's component managers are not fully appreciative of the current state of development of the MAPS systems and the limited resources that OJCS has available to bring up the primary project (PERSIGN II). Diversion of OJCS resources immediately creates slippage in progress toward completion of PERSIGN II.

4. Recommendation No. 7 (Tab G - Page G-30)

"That the DCI delegate to the Deputy Directors authority to authenticate staffing complements, requiring them to consider PMCD recommendations on position grades before effecting changes and to exercise this authority within their allocations of staff manpower ceilings, senior slots and average grade."

Comment:

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In their brief survey of the PMCD function, the Inspector reached a conclusion that only two viable solutions are available - reaffirmation of the current system (with continued effort to improve effectiveness) - an option which they reject as lacking real enforcement authority, and the option contained in this specific recommendation that the authority to authenticate (approve) position structures and grade levels be delegated to the Deputy Directors within only the constraints of their manpower ceilings, senior slots and average grade. It is worth noting that [REDACTED] after an extensive and in-depth study of the PMCD role and function, arrived at quite different conclusions and recommendations. (See attached copy of the summary of this report submitted by [REDACTED] in September 1975.)

We believe that reaffirmation of the present system, as currently constituted - even with some improvement - is not the solution in meeting the needs of the Agency in today's environment but we also foresee different but comparable problems were the Agency to adopt the IG's preferred option cited in their Recommendation No. 7. We have strong convictions that the needs and best interests of the Agency at large would be best served in a third alternative approach and propose the following recommendations:

- a. That the Director of Personnel continue to retain responsibility for conducting the position management and classification function and basic authentication authority for staffing complements.
- b. That the Deputy Directors and Heads of Independent Offices, or a designated senior officer within their components, meet with and jointly review and discuss with the Director of Personnel any unresolved differences pertinent to PMCD findings and/or recommendations prior to final authentication of those portions of the staffing complements involved.
- c. That any unresolved differences between a Deputy Director or Head of Independent Office and the Director of Personnel be fully documented and referred to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for final decision.
- d. That the regular staff of PMCD be augmented with the rotation of an officer, grade GS-13/14 level, selected by each of the four Deputy Directors; for a two-year tour with PMCD, to participate in position management and classification surveys of components within his parent Directorate.

- e. That the Director of Personnel establish an Agency position management and classification orientation program to educate management at all levels as to the objectives and responsibilities of this essential element of personnel management.

5. Recommendation No. 8 (Tab G - Page G-31)

"That the Director of Personnel monitor Directorate and DCI Area adherence to their allocations and to job/pay equity and recommend appropriate DCI action in cases where he cannot resolve differences with the Deputy Director concerned."

Comment:

We agree that the Director of Personnel retain monitoring responsibility but in the context of the alternative recommendations we have made in our response to Recommendation No. 7.

6. Recommendation No. 9 (Tab G - Page G-31)

"That the Director of Personnel revise PMCD procedures, position surveys, scheduling, and manpower as indicated in Conclusions G-3 through G-7 above."

a. Conclusion G-3:

In the area of position grade evaluations, PMCD should:

- (a) Develop and maintain standards for position evaluation use.
- (b) Participate in and advise on all position evaluation use.
- (c) Insure that unresolved differences with component managers over position evaluations are brought to the responsible Deputy Directors for decision.
- (d) Inform the Director of Personnel in cases when, in the opinion of PMCD, decisions made by Deputy Directors conflict significantly with equal pay for equal work principles or established pay policies, e.g., pay scales for senior secretaries.

Comment:

Conclusions (a), (b) and (d) are consistent with current responsibilities of PMCD. As regards G-3(c), the recommendations proposed by the Director of Personnel in response to the IG's Recommendation No. 7 would insure that the Deputy Directors had the opportunity to discuss unresolved differences directly with the Director of Personnel and the institution of formal appeal to the DDCI for final decisions if necessary.

b. Conclusion G-4:

With regard to staffing complements, PMCD, in collaboration with other Office of Personnel components, should:

- (a) Establish staffing complement formats.
- (b) Compile, produce and disseminate staffing complements authenticated by the Deputy Directors and produce and disseminate related management information reports.
- (c) Report to the Deputy Director concerned and to the Director of Personnel any non-trivial continuing instances when the totals of a Directorate's staffing complements exceed that Directorate's allocations of manning, senior slots or average grade.

Comment:

These conclusions essentially reflect current responsibility and procedures with the exception that staffing complements are not authenticated nor implemented without the prior approval of the component concerned.

c. Conclusion G-5:

PMCD's responsibility for conducting periodic position surveys should be modified. In this area:

- (a) PMCD should conduct periodic position surveys in components that have received little attention in conjunction with reorganizations for a period of about five years.
- (b) The Director of Personnel should initiate special PMCD position surveys in other cases where he has reason to believe that position classifications need revision.

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- (c) Neither periodic nor special position surveys should be allowed to interfere with prompt and rapid service of reorganization or other more immediate needs for PMCD assistance.
- (d) During all surveys, PMCD should restrict its recommendations regarding the organization and management of component personnel to cases where organization or management is the dominant consideration in evaluating position grades.
- (e) PMCD should be permitted on its own initiative to audit positions in any component in order to obtain data needed to establish, maintain or improve position evaluation standards.

Comment:

We agree with conclusions (b), (c) and (e). As regards conclusion (a), retention of the current three year survey cycle is preferred over a five year cycle in terms of more timely recognition of the need for adjustments to the position structures, etc. The continuing press of ad hoc and priority special surveys and the need to address other priorities with a limited number of staffers in PMCD may temporarily require adaptation of the five year cycle as proposed by the IG. As regards conclusion (d), the degree of emphasis needed on position management as compared to the evaluation of positions is usually unknown until the survey has been initiated.

d. Conclusion G-6:

PMCD should accelerate the development and trial implementation of improved position evaluation standards and methods similar to the Factor/Benchmark system now being developed by CSC for Government-wide implementation by 1980. Full CSC development of its system should not be a prerequisite to development and trial implementation of an Agency version.

Comment:

We are in full agreement with this conclusion.

e. Conclusion G-7:

The Director of Personnel should review and alter the organization of and manpower authorized for PMCD as necessary to meet its revised mission.

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- (a) It is important to note that PMCD manning must permit prompt and rapid service of component needs.
- (b) A program of rotating Office of Personnel people with experience as component support officers through 3-5 year PMCD tours, and of rotating PMCD professionals through component support officer tours, would provide a valuable experience base.
- (c) Rotating personnel from other Agency components through PMCD tours would contribute more specific component knowledge and would be useful if the tours can be long enough for the rotating personnel to develop and use job classification expertise.

Comment:

We agree that PMCD manning must permit prompt and rapid service. With respect to the rotation of Office of Personnel people in and out of PMCD, this practice is already being followed to some extent. The rotation of officers from other Agency components is strongly supported by the Office of Personnel.

7. Recommendation No. 10 (Tab II - Page H-9)

"That the Director of Personnel, in collaboration with the Director of Training, develop a one-week training course for Office-level managers and their deputies on CIA Personnel Administration and Management and that the Director of Personnel join with the Inspector General in recommending to the Management Committee that all Washington-area Office-level managers and their deputies be required to attend a running of this course within a year of its initiation."

Comment:

We concur with the intent of this recommendation and will explore the matter with the Director of Training. Our initial thought is that a full week would be too long and the pertinent material could be covered in a two or three day course. This might fit better into GTR's already crowded schedule and would probably be more acceptable in terms of time away from the desk to the group we would be trying to reach. Mandatory attendance would require DCI approval, however, and we suspect the "waiver" would be widely used.

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The Office of Personnel presently has an hour at the IWA, an hour, plus an evening session shared with EEO and the Office of Security, at the Midcareer, and two hours at the Management Seminar to cover certain aspects of the Agency's personnel management system. The time allotted in these courses is barely sufficient to cover the specific topic and allows no time to review the functions and responsibilities of OP as a whole. We have been discussing within OP the need for a greater segment of time in these courses to permit a "whole picture" presentation, and will be taking the matter up with the Director of Training. We feel that understanding and comprehension of OP's role in the Agency's management system is essential for supervisors and managers at all levels, and believe, in addition to the course for "Office-level managers," improvement can be made by expanding the current presentations.

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